SENATE BILL 2918

By Marrero B

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, relative to certain pregnant persons participating in the Families First program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 71-3-167. Each participant in the temporary assistance program who is twelve (12) years of age or older and less than seventeen (17) years of age and who is pregnant shall participate in a special educational program offered by the department. The program shall educate these participants concerning the dangers posed by certain risky behaviors to newborn children. The high risk behaviors addressed by the program shall include, but not be limited to, smoking, alcohol use, and illegal drugs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.